# **Children's Administration**

RCW 13.32A, .34, 26, .33, .34, .44, .50, 70.123, 74.13, .14A, .14B, .14C, .15

## **Current Law Budget**

Request Net change from current biennium Percent change from current biennium \$1,166,499,000 \$74,757,398 Increase 6.8% Increase

The Children's Administration (CA) is the public child welfare agency for the state of Washington. CA staff work with children and their families to identify their needs and develop a plan for services that support families and ensure the safety and well-being of their children. These services are designed to reduce the risk of abuse, find safe alternatives to out-of-home placement, and ensure safety and permanency for children in out-of-home care. CA's core services focus on the following: Child Protective Services (CPS)—an investigation of allegations of abuse or neglect that must be conducted within a certain period of time; Family Assessment Response—a differential CPS response to low and moderate allegations of child abuse or neglect that is a voluntary option for families who qualify; Child and Family Welfare Services—working with the families and children in out-of-home care to reunify them or to find other permanent options for the children; and Licensed Resources—licensing foster homes, completing home studies for relatives, and investigating alleged violations of licensing standards as well as allegations of abuse or neglect by licensed providers.

#### **Program Mission**

To transform lives by protecting children and promoting healthier families through strong practice and strong partnerships with the community and tribes

## **Program Level Summary**

#### Source of Funds

|  | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-14 Estimated | 2014-15 Estimated | 2015-16 Proposed | 2016-17 Proposed |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Social Service Fed Block Grant |                |                   |                   | 33,977,000       | 33,686,000       |
| General Fund - Basic Account - State                               | 276,638,022    | 297,702,500       | 298,097,000       | 323,334,000      | 327,101,000      |
| General Fund - Basic Account - Federal                             | 230,645,354    | 235,941,456       | 244,018,646       | 6,722,000        | 7,598,000        |
| General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local                       | 501,542        | 1,179,116         | 174,884           | 677,000          | 677,000          |
| General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Family                         |                |                   |                   | 155,727,000      | 155,668,000      |
| Support/Child Welfare F  |                |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| General Fund - Basic Account - Medicaid Federal                    |                |                   |                   | 24,889,000       | 25,933,000       |
| General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Temp Asst. for                 |                |                   |                   | 31,597,000       | 32,379,000       |
| Needy Fam.   |                |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Domestic Violence Prevention Acct - State                          | 619,200        | 620,000           | 620,000           | 620,000          | 620,000          |
| Education Legacy Trust Account - State                             | 385,228        |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Home Security Fund Account - State                                 | 4,580,066      | 4,699,716         | 6,041,284         |                  |                  |
| Child and Family Reinvestment Accou - State                        |                | 1,652,584         | 994,416           | 2,647,000        | 2,647,000        |
| Annual Total   | 513,369,412    | 541,795,373       | 549,946,229       | 580,190,000      | 586,309,000      |

## **Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium**

|       | 201          | 1-13 Actual | 2013-15 Estimated |         | 2015-17 Proposed |         |
|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|       | Amount       | Percent     | Amount            | Percent | Amount           | Percent |
| Total | (62,907,265) | (5.8)%      | 74,886,350        | 7.4%    | 74,757,398       | 6.8%    |

## **Employment Summary**

2012-13 Actual 2013-14 Estimated 2014-15 Estimated 2015-16 Proposed 2016-17 Proposed FTE Staff Years 2,421.6 2,529.3 2,527.1 2,619.4 2,593.8

## **Agency Local Funds**

#### **Community Service Office and DCFS Administrators' Account**

This account is an expendable trust fund that is available to Community Service Office administrators to provide immediate assistance to eligible clients. Donations are the source of these funds.

#### **Statement of Local Fund Balances**

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| •                                   |              | 6/30/15        | 2015-17   | 2015-17             | 6/30/17               |
|                                     | 7/1/13       | Estimated Fund | Estimated | Estimated           | <b>Estimated Fund</b> |
|                                     | Fund Balance | Balance        | Revenues  | <b>Expenditures</b> | Balance               |
| Non-Budgeted Funds                  |              |                |           | •                   |                       |
| Community Service Office and        | 76,543       | 76,543         | 93,692    | 95,598              | 74,637                |
| DCFS Administrators' Account        |              |                |           |                     |                       |